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Applicants : Saul J. Silverstein et al.
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For : VZV ORF29p PROTEIN-RELATED COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request an additional two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on April 8, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 8, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due July 8, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment in Response to April 8, 2003 Final Office Action and Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time on August 8, 2003. Applicants hereby request an additional two-month extension of time from August 8, 2003 to October 8, 2003 for responding to the April 8, 2003 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal From The Examiner's Decision To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences in connection with the above-identified application. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on April 8, 2003 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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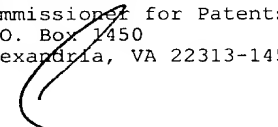
No fee, other than the enclosed \$420.00 fee for an additional two-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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